मोकामा और राजमहल के बीच ''फेरी सेवा''

4032. श्री नरेश यादव:

क्या जलभूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा बिहार राज्य में मोकामा और राजमहल के बीच गंगा नदी पर लगभग 300 किलो मीटर की दूरी तक के लिए कितनी फेरी सेवाएं चलाई जा रही हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस क्षेत्र की इस गंभीर समस्या पर गंभीरतापूर्वक विचार करने के उपरांत कोई ठोस कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

जलभूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) से (ग) चूंकि फेरी सेवाओं का प्रचालन, संविधान के अंतर्गत, राज्य का एक विषय है इसलिए केन्द्र सरकार का बिहार में मोकामेह और राजमहल के बीच फेरी सेवाएं चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Dredging the Hooghly River

4033. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the amount spent during 1984—93 to dredge the Hooghly river and whether Government are satisfied that as a result of such spending, a proper and desirable draught level has been maintained for the Haldia Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): A total amount of Rs. 383.48 crores has been spent during the period 1984—93 on maintenance dredging in the river Hooghly.

The navigability in the river Hooghly has been maintained

Breakdown of dredging ship of Calcutta Port

4034. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to resume dredging by Calcutta Port following the breakdown of the dredging ship; and

(b) what compensations are being demanded from the foreign company concerned which sold the second hand ship to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) there was no breakdown of any dredger in Calcutta. It was the pipeline for carrying the dredged material that failed. Dredging Corporation of India is expected to start dredging in Haldia after the monsoon.

(b) A claim of Rs. 75.52 crores has been preferred by the Calcutta Port Trust.

Profits and loses of Port in India

4035. SHRI PRA VAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profits and losses of different major ports for the year ending 1993-94; and

(b) what are the proposals contemplated by Government to enhance the capacities of different major ports (portwise) since all the major ports have exhausted their capacity utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The provisional operating surpluses of major ports during 1993-94 are as under:

Name of the Port	Operating surplus (Rs. in crores)
Bombay	165.20
Calcutta	105.66
Cochin	3.94
Jawaharlal Nehru	21.00
Kandla	45.17
Madras	104.87
Mormugao	24.19
New Mangalore	7.50
Paradip	18.51
Tuticorin	11.82
Visakhapatnam	62.45

(b) The port-wise details of proposals seeking to enhance the port capacity during 8th plan are as follows:— 1. Calcutta including Haldia:

1. Container handlin£ facilities.
1 Construction of berths No. lOandll.

2. *Bombay* ;
   1. Replacement of Pir Pau oil Pier.
   2. Replacement of Submarine Piplines.
3. *Madras:*
   1. Satellite Port at Ennore.
   2. Extension South Quay ITI berth and mondernisation of East Quay berth.
4. *Cochin:*
   1. Container Terminal.
   2. Deepening of COT Channel.
5. *Vizag:*
   1. Conversion of WJI, WJ2 & WJ3 jetties into full-fledged berths.
   2. Construction of LPG jetty
   3. Construction of EQ7 berth in inner harbour.
   4. Multipurpose berth in Outer harbour
6. *Kandla:*
   1. 7th Cargo berth.
   2. 3rd Oil jetty.
7. *Mormugao:*
   1. Additional general cargo berth.
8. *Paradip:*
   1. Mechanised handling facilities for handling thermal coal and construction of two berths.
   2. Multipurpose cargo berth.
   3. Extension of West Quay.
9. *New Mangalore:*
   1. Balance portion of additional berths on Western side of Eastern dock.
   2. Crude & POL products handling facilities forMRPL.
10. *Tuticorin:*
    1. Second coal jetty.
    2. Multipurpose berth No. 7.
11. *Jawaharlal Nehru:*
    1. Approach/bridge to service berth.

Foreign Investment in Shipping and Port Sector

4036. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is expected to receive foreign investment of Rs. 200 million dollars in the shipping and port sectors in 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Minister of Surface Transport visited a number of countries during the months of May and June 1994; including Norway, Britain and Dubai;

(c) if so, whether these countries have assured to have a foreign investment in shipping and port sectors;

(d) if so, whether any argeement with these countries have been signed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government has invited foreign investment by private participation. Enquiries from various foreign countries are being received. It is, however, not possible to quantify the exact foreign investment in shipping and ports sectors in 1994 at this stage.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial irregularities committed in construction of Nhava Sheva Port

4037. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Annual Report has revealed increase of expenditure by 90 % on construction of Port Nhava Sheva in Bombay, causing a loss of Rs. 466 crores.

(b) whether it is also a fact that CAG has revealed an infructuous expenditure of Rs. 277 crores by the Bombay Port Trust owing to massive underutilisation of cargo handling equipment at the Port;

(c) if so, what action Government contemplate to check repetition of such irregularities; and

(d) what action Government propose to isolate the guilty officials and what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Increase in cost of construction is due to